

Current Claim Schedule

1 1. (Currently Amended) A medical instrument holder assembly comprising
2 a holder module base including
3 a plurality of first tubes having lower ends, each first tube having a
4 wall with both an outer surface and an inner surface that defines a first passage having
5 open upper and lower ends,
6 a first web connecting the outer surfaces of the tube walls to sup-
7 port said first tubes in parallel spaced-apart relation so that a fluid can circulate around
8 and between said first tubes, and
9 instrument supports at the lower ends of the plurality of first tubes
10 for supporting medical instruments placed in said first passages while allowing a fluid to
11 circulate through said first passages, said instrument supports including narrow bridges at
12 the lower ends of the first tubes which extend across and partially occlude the open lower
13 ends of the first passages, and
14 a cover for seating on said base so as to cover said instruments.

1 2. (Previously Presented) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein the upper ends of the
2 first passages are flared.

1 3. (Currently Amended) ~~The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein~~ A medical instrument
2 holder assembly comprising
3 a holder module base including
4 a plurality of first tubes, each first tube having a wall with both an
5 outer surface and an inner surface that defines a first passage having open upper and
6 lower ends,
7 a first web connecting the outer surfaces of the tube walls to sup-
8 port said first tubes in parallel spaced-apart relation so that a fluid can circulate around
9 and between said first tubes, and

10 | instrument supports at the lower ends of the plurality of first tubes
11 | for supporting medical instruments placed in said first passages while allowing a fluid to
12 | circulate through said first passages, ~~said cover includes~~and
13 | a cover for seating on said base so as to cover instruments, said cover in-
14 | cluding
15 | a plurality of second tubes ,each second tube having a wall with both an
16 | outer and an inner surface that defines a second passage having open upper and lower
17 | ends, said lower ends having substantially the same cross-sections as the upper ends of
18 | said first passages, and
19 | a second web connecting the outer surfaces of the second tube walls to
20 | support the second tubes in parallel spaced-apart relation so that when the cover is seated
21 | on said base, the corresponding first and second passages are co-linear.

1 | 4. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 3 wherein the second passages are longer
2 | than the first passages.

1 | 5. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 3 wherein the upper ends of the second pas-
2 | sages are smaller than the lower ends of the second passages.

1 | 6. (Currently Amended) The assembly defined in claim ~~1-3~~ wherein said base and said
2 | cover include interfitting surfaces which, when the cover is seated on the base, releasably
3 | secure the cover to the base.

1 | 7. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1
2 | wherein said first web constitutes a top wall of the base, and
3 | further including a peripheral web extending down from said first web around
4 | said plurality of first tubes, said peripheral web consisting a side wall of the base as well
5 | as defining a seating surface for the cover.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The assembly defined in claim 7 wherein ~~the~~ said base also in-
2 cludes a plurality of depending keys which extend below said ~~seating surface~~ peripheral
3 web and are arranged to key into a surface underlying and supporting said base.

1 9. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 and further including connecting webs
2 which connect at least some of said first tubes.

1 10. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein said first web comprises a top
2 web which extends between the upper ends of the first tubes and constitutes a top wall of
3 the base.

1 11. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 10 and further including graphics formed
2 on said top web and indicating instruments in said first passages.

1 12. (Cancelled).

1 13. (Currently Amended) A medical instrument holder assembly comprising
2 a holder module base including
3 a plurality of first tubes, each first tube having a wall with both an
4 outer surface and an inner surface that defines a first passage having open upper and
5 lower ends,
6 a first web connecting and supporting the outer surfaces of the tube
7 walls to support said first tubes in parallel spaced-apart relation so that a fluid can circu-
8 late around and between said first tubes, and
9 instrument supports at the lower ends of the plurality of first tubes
10 for supporting medical instruments placed in said first passages while allowing a fluid to
11 circulate through said first passages, said instruments supports including
12 ~~The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein the instrument supports com-~~
13 ~~prise~~ a base bottom wall supported by said ~~at least one~~ first web so that the bottom wall is
14 spaced below the lower ends of said first passages, and

15 | _____ a cover for seating on said base so as to cover said instruments.

1 14. (Previously Presented) A medical instrument holder assembly comprising
2 a holder module base including
3 a plurality of first tubes defining first passages, each first passage having
4 open upper and lower ends,
5 a first web connecting and supporting said first tubes in parallel spaced-
6 apart relation so that a fluid can circulate around and between said first tubes, and
7 instrument supports at the lower ends of the plurality of first tubes for
8 supporting medical instruments placed in said first passages while allowing a fluid to cir-
9 culate through said first passages;
10 a cover for seating on said base so as to cover said instruments, and
11 an outer case, said case including
12 a bottom section shaped and dimensioned to seat a plurality of said holder
13 modules in closely packed together fashion, and
14 a cover section engageable on said bottom section so as to cover said plu-
15 rality of holder modules in the bottom section, said bottom section and cover section be-
16 ing perforated so that fluid can circulate around and into said plurality of holder modules.

1 15. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 14 and further including retainers in said
2 bottom section and/or said cover section for locating and retaining the holder modules
3 seated in the bottom section.

1 16. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 14 and further comprising a presentation
2 tray, said tray having an upper wall large enough in area to support a plurality of holder
3 modules, said upper wall including securement means for releasably securing said plural-
4 ity of modules to the tray.

1 17. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 wherein the securement means include
2 a plurality of indentations in said upper wall for snugly receiving the bases of said plural-
3 ity of holder modules.

1 18. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 wherein the securement means include
2 a plurality of keyholes in said upper wall, said keyholes being adapted to receive keys
3 projecting from holder modules supported on the tray.

1 19. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 wherein said tray is collapsible.

1 20. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 19 wherein the tray comprises
2 a plurality of sections, and
3 interfitting surfaces on said sections for releasably securing said sections together.

1 21. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 and further including graphics formed
2 on said upper wall indicating instruments in the holder modules supported on the tray.